(v) Signal Circuit is being modified to ensure that the signal for next train cannot be lowered till the lever of starter and advanced starter lowered till the lever of starter and advanced starter lowered for the earlier train is put back to 'ON'.

(vi) A high level 'Safety Group' has been set up to suggest measures to further improve safety standards on Indian Railways.

(vii) In addition, on-going safety measures like counselling, inspections/checks, monitoring have been intensified.

Constitution of National Level Blood Council

1171. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 500 of the existing 1,100 blood banks in the country have been found to be unlicensed by a high powered committee appointed by the Supreme Court;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unless corrective action is taken immediately, blood banks in the country would become a source for the spread of the AIDS;

(c) what action has been taken by Government to grant license to all the existing blood banks in the country; and

(d) whether Government are considering to establish a national level blood council?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) No Sir.

(b) Necessary corrective measures have already been initiated to license all the blood banks in the country.

(c) Drugs Controller of India has already directed the State Drugs Controllers/FDAs to ensure that all the remaining Blood Banks in the country are licensed speedly.

(d) The matter is subjudice.

Exclusion in use of Technology

1172. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether country is facing any exclusion in the area of dual use technology exports of designs and processes that have sensitive application;

(b) if so, the specific areas affected;

(c) whether Indian Research Technical Organisation, Indian Industry and other venture capital institutions have done any mapping exercise to form a consortia to strengthen R & D; and

(d) if so, the details of the new research technology format evolved, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) The country if facing exclusion in the area of imports of dual use technology of designs and processes that have sensitive applications. This is mainly because: our country is not a member of any of the four existing Ad-hoc Export Control Regimes set up by the nuclear weapon/missile powers, viz. Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), Australia Group (AG), Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) and COCOM/New Forum; our country is also not a party to the NPT nor has it accepted full-scope safeguards of its nuclear facilities; our country has an advanced missile programme; South Asia is viewed by the USA & other NATO countries as a war prone area; furthermore the NATO countries strongly seek to maintain their technological lead. Against this background, it is likely that our companies & laboratories would not have access to any or at best only some